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TITLE: **WHOLE CELL ENGINEERING BY MUTAGENIZING A
SUBSTANTIAL PORTION OF A STARTING GENOME,
COMBINING MUTATIONS, AND OPTIONALLY REPEATING**

Enclosed are the following papers, including all those required for a filing date under 37 CFR § 1.53(b):

Pages of Specification	991
Pages of Claims	3
Pages of Abstract	1
Pages of Declaration	2 (unsigned)
Sheets of Drawing	28
Pages of Small Entity Statement	[to be filed at a later date]

Under 35 USC § 120, this application claims the benefit of prior US application 09/594,459, filed June 14, 2000, which is a continuation-in-part application of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/522,289, filed March 9, 2000, which is a continuation-in-part application of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/498,557, filed February 4, 2000, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/495,052, filed January 31, 2000 and claims priority under Section 119(e)(1) to U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/156,815, filed September 29, 1999, which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

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